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**To:** Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

**From:** Daniel R. Buchholtz, MMC, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

**Date:** April 29, 2021

**Subject:** Redistricting Update

The US Census Bureau released state-level population data. Minnesota learned that it has kept all 8 of its congressional seats. Had New York State counted just 89 more people, Minnesota would have dropped to 7 congressional seats.

The deadlines for Census data to be transmitted to the State have been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. That data is estimated to arrive by September 30. The Legislature's deadline to complete congressional and legislative redistricting is February 15, 2022. Once we receive that data from the County Auditor, our deadline is March 29, 2022. Candidate filing would open on August 2<sup>nd</sup> for the November 8 General Election.

That schedule is if everything works perfectly. If redistricting at the State level is delayed, the City's deadline for municipal redistricting would be 28 days after the legislative plan is adopted. If redistricting at the State level is completed early (before January 28, 2022), then the City's deadline for municipal redistricting would be no later than 60 days after the legislative plan is adopted.

Fortunately, we have at-large City Council seats in Spring Lake Park. The redistricting impacts the size and shape of the City's voting precincts. Fortunately, with the City moving all precincts to one location (ECC), disruption to the voter from redistricting should be minimal.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 763-784-6491.

